

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 have been allowed. Claims 13-19 stand rejected in the referenced office action. Claims 1, 8, 13 and 17 are independent claims.

Claims 13-19 have been canceled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added by the amendments. The Examiner's rejections are addressed in substantially the same order as in the referenced office action.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the remarks below.

## **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Claim 17 is objected to because of a typographic error. Claim 17 has been canceled.

## **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

Claims 13-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by *Crary* (US 6,237,404). Claims 13-19 have been canceled.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **02-0429 (414-35883-US)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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